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1. Eighteen Volkspolizei Hundertschaften were quartered in the former Luftwaffen Kaserne in the area between Quedlinburg (L 52/D 35) and Bad Suderode (L 52/D 35) on 10 February 1950.
2. Ten of the Hundertschaften were equipped as infantry units (each having 10 light machine guns, 30 submachine guns and 20 carbines). Four Hundertschaften were equipped with heavy machine guns, two Hundertschaften with light mortars and two Hundertschaften with medium mortars.
3. The police units in the kaserne were commanded by Oberpolizeirat Blumenthal, a member of the SPD (Socialist Unity Party). Blumenthal, who previously lived in Frohse (L 53/D 78), had been arrested and put in a concentration camp in 1938 on the grounds of illegal activities in favor of the KPD (Communist Party of Germany).

25X1 **Comment:**

25X1 [redacted] a Volks-
 25X1 polizeischule commanded by Oberpolizeirat Haager was then located
 25X1 at the Quedlinburg airfield. [redacted] the 4th
 Volkspolizeibereitschaft to be stationed at the Quedlinburg air-
 field in January 1950. It is not known whether the Polizeischule
 and the 4th Volkspolizeibereitschaft both exist or whether the 4th
 Volkspolizeibereitschaft was formed from the Polizeischule. The
 latter possibility appears to be more likely.
 25X1 Oberpolizeirat Blumenthal, in January 1950, was reported [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] to be Polizeikommandeur and chief of the Quedlinburg
 police office.

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